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Fertilizer Production
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Answer

(a) : The details of target and production of major fertilizers during last three years and current year are at Annexe.

(b) : Department of Fertilizers had taken up the matter of reduction of custom duty on import of fertilizer raw materials with Department of Revenue. However the same has not been considered by Department of Revenue.

(c) : Presently, there is no such Joint Venture entered into with foreign countries which has not been completed.

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Details of Joint Ventures:

S.No. JV Project-Country JV participants with equity% Product and the Project status

1.Oman India Fertilizer Co.(OMIFCO), Oman Oman Oil Co. (OOC-50%), IFFCO (25%) & KRIBHCO (25%) 16.52 lakh MT Urea & 2.48 Lakh MT Ammonia.Production started in the year 2006.

2.ICS Senegal,Senegal ICS Senegal and IFFCO consortium 5.5 lakh MT phosphoric acid. Production started in 1984 and the off take agreement is valid till 2033.

3.JPMC-IFFCO JV, Jordan JPMC & IFFCO 4.8 lakh MT Phosphoric acid. Commercial production started in December 2014.

4.IMACID, Morocco OCP-Morocco, Chambal & TCL − 33% each 4.25 lakh MT phosphoric acid. Production started in 1997-98.

5.Tunisia-India Fertilizer Company (TIFERT),Tunisia GCT (Tunisia), CFL (Now CIL) & GSFC (India) 3.60 lakh MT of Phosphoric acid. Commercial production started in April 2014.